

# Seal Puller

## Abstract

A seal puller tool head (10) has a blade forming an elongated, flat, metal shank (12) and a hook (16) that is disposed at one end of the shank, above a top face of the shank, such that it lies no more than partially in the plane of the shank. The hook is angled or off-set above the shank for use in penetrating the interface between a sealed shaft and a shaft seal without scratching the shaft or requiring extreme lateral tilting of the shank to establish a hooked engagement on the inside face of the seal. The shank (12) is coated with cushioning or protective material to further avoid scratching the shaft, and a backside edge opposite the opening of the hook may carry a wear strip (42) as further protection. A base (14) is suitably configured to be engaged by a wrench, slide hammer, or lever for manipulating the hook in tight clearances. A fulcrum also engages the lever in variable position.